

A HUSTLING REFORMER.

Mr. C. L. Marshall, Manager of the Local Mercantile Department Withdraws from the District Work.—A Tower of Strength in True Reformer Circles.—Will Engage in Other Work.

Mr. C. L. Marshall one of the most enterprising and successful men of the race has resigned his position as manager of the Mercantile Department of the True Reformers, and has gone to Farmville, Va., where he will engage in business. Mr. Marshall is well and favorably known in this city and was a strong advocate and a champion of the principles of True Reformerism. Through his efforts the Order was firmly entrenched in this city, the membership increased and a branch grocery store established. The great True Reformers Hall and Building, corner 12th and U streets, N. W., is the fruition of his efforts. He was not only energetic in business, but he was active in the literary societies, in the churches and in every movement which tended to elevate the race. His resignation as manager of the big grocery store in the new building as well as that from the Board of Directors of the Grand Fountain, was a surprise to his many friends.

In sending in his resignation, Mr. Marshall resigned from everything except membership in the Order. He is Chairman of the W. W. Brown Monument Committee which position he still holds being a great admirer of that grand leader and founder of the Grand United Order of the True Reformer—Rev. W. W. Brown. "To the President and Board of Directors of the Grand Fountain, U. O. True Reformers: Gentlemen:

For a number of years I have been honored with membership on your Board, and the management of the Washington store, of the Reformers' Mercantile and Industrial Association.

For good business reasons I hereby tender by resignation from both, to take effect not later than the first day of October, 1903.

May the Order live and prosper.

Thanking you for past honors, I remain,

Yours in U. T. and C.,
C. L. MARSHALL."

The following is taken from *The Record*, a local sheet:

This action on the part of Mr. Marshall was quite a surprise to his many friends here, as it was practically conceded that he would be placed at the head of the Mercantile Department of the Order, on the retirement of Mr. Jordan, who resigned the position a short time ago.

At present Mr. Marshall, with his amiable wife, is visiting his mother in Farmville, Va., and it is possible that he will ultimately locate there. He has in mind an extensive Southern tour, and will visit Tuskegee in his travels.

Mr. Marshall came to this city ten years ago from British Columbia. While in the Queen's dominion he worked as a master painter, and was an honored member of the Painters' Union.

During his stay here he has been identified with several business undertakings, having at one time conducted a real estate and loan business. Later he embarked in the grocery business, and kept stores, respectively, at Fifth and N streets, and Eighth and R sts. Disposing of his own interests, he had charge of the Reformers' general store for the past three years, under his management, the store's patronage has grown immensely and he leaves it in a most flourishing condition. He is a most ardent True Reformer, and it is largely through his instrumentality that the directors decided to locate a building here.

By his thrift and economy Mr. Marshall has gained quite a competency and is the owner of several parcels of valuable improved real estate.

His departure from the District takes a valuable man from its business interests.

"HIAWAITHA" IN BALTIMORE.

Among the Washingtonians who spent Sunday in Baltimore, were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Hilyer. Mr. Hilyer while there met with the Executive Committee of the Colored Y. M. C. A., which has charge of the arrangements for the presentation by our choral society of Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha," in Music Hall, a splendid auditorium, seating about 2,500 persons. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Our choral society is very popular and will take a large crowd from Washington to testify to their appreciation. The S. Coleridge-Taylor Choral Society will go to Baltimore, Nov. 27th, to render the beautiful "Hiawatha" trilogy in Music Hall. We congratulate the music lovers of Baltimore on their opportunity to hear this magnificent music, rendered by so splendid a chorus. The soloist will be the most eminent that can be obtained.

Messrs. Lenz and Losson, 623 Seventh northwest, have an up-to-date truss and orthopedic department, with the most skillful attendants, both male and female, in charge, and are manufacturers and dealers in surgical instruments, etc., of all kinds.

The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.56 to \$1000.

BENEFITS PAID—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$1,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"					Class "E"				
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$1.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
25 to 30	2.75	300.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00
30 to 35	3.00	300.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00
35 to 40	3.25	300.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00
40 to 45	3.50	300.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	40 to 45	6.00	500.00	250.00
45 to 50	3.75	300.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	45 to 50	6.25	500.00	250.00
50 to 55	4.00	300.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	50 to 55	6.50	500.00	250.00
55 to 60	4.25	300.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	55 to 60	6.75	500.00	250.00

Class "M"					Class "F"				
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues	Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues
14 to 20	\$1.00	\$100.00	\$2.00	\$1.50	14 to 20	\$10.00	\$1000.00	\$10.00	\$7.50
20 to 25	1.20	100.00	2.00	1.50	20 to 25	12.00	1200.00	12.00	9.00
25 to 30	1.40	100.00	2.00	1.50	25 to 30	14.00	1400.00	14.00	10.50
30 to 35	1.60	100.00	2.00	1.50	30 to 35	16.00	1600.00	16.00	12.00
35 to 40	1.80	100.00	2.00	1.50	35 to 40	18.00	1800.00	18.00	13.50
40 to 45	2.00	100.00	2.00	1.50	40 to 45	20.00	2000.00	20.00	15.00
45 to 50	2.20	100.00	2.00	1.50	45 to 50	22.00	2200.00	22.00	16.50
50 to 55	2.40	100.00	2.00	1.50	50 to 55	24.00	2400.00	24.00	18.00
55 to 60	2.60	100.00	2.00	1.50	55 to 60	26.00	2600.00	26.00	19.50

REGALIA—The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to \$350,058, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Habersham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT—Issues a weekly journal, *THE REFORMER*, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 5c. per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 62 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME—In September, 1893, Rev. William W. Browne recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634 1/2 acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westham Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westham Electric Railway, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, co-operation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and requests of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

For further information address—

Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. M. W. P. Burrell
604-6-8 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va.